

School Vacation



Starts June 7

American Legion Honors Heroic Dead

Memorial Day services were held at the Legion hall in Joshua Tree on Friday at 10:00 A.M. by Joshua Post No. 708. At least a hundred members and friends were present to honor those men and women who gave their lives in defense of the principles for which America stands.

The service was opened by Commander Overbay with the presentation of the colors. Chaplain Bloom then read a prayer. Following this a group of school children under the direction of C. J. Herbst presented a splendid program of poetic readings and the Gettysburg Address. Claudia Rundall, Donna Robertson and Vernie Mae Yawn gave "When Grandpa Wore His Uniform." "Flanders Field" was presented by Sandra Sanders. Ted Bode was next with the Gettysburg Address. Ed Holdings recited "The Americans' Creed".

Commander Overbay then told of the Legion's support of compulsory training. Gil Worthen delivered a masterful address on the significance of Memorial Day, after which Miss Edith Parrish laid a wreath on the altar in honor of the fallen comrades. A minute of silence was observed after which Mr. Overbay closed the service.

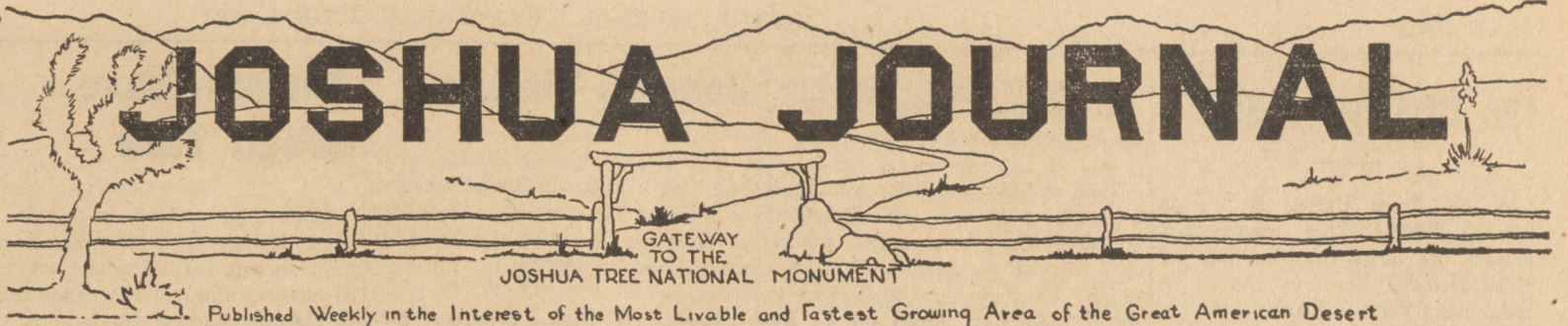
We Progress

Joshua Tree has grown up! Yes sir, she can now take her place with the other metropolises of the civilized world. The city dump caught on fire Saturday afternoon and burned for several hours. The smoke was visible for miles—well for a mile, anyhow. McGee of the Townsite office called the fire department and with the help of townsmen the blaze was brought under control.

It was probably the first time that many of our townfolk knew there was a dump or where it was located. Too, there is a moral to be drawn from the occurrence. This is a season during which the Forestry service has asked us to be especially careful about fires. By exercising more than ordinary caution we can help to prevent severe losses which might be occasioned by carelessly set fires.

Wilson Buys New Truck

On a pleasure jaunt in search of a non-existent fair the C. V. Wilsons ended up as the surprised owners of a new truck. According to the furniture man he couldn't resist the lure of the gleaming vehicle in an Alhambra display lot so he persuaded the salesman to make a deal. From the pleased smile that C. V. is wearing it appears to have been more than satisfactory.



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Joshua Cubs Trounce Kenney Nine

Slamming out 5 runs in the first inning, including a circuit clout by Doc Ford, the Joshua Cubs continued their winning streak by beating the Kenney Drug's softballers under the lights at Gilpin Field on Thursday evening, May 29. The final score was 13 to 10. Every Cub except Manzer got at least one safety.

Nale, who started for the Palms club, walked Seipel after Manzer had grounded out. A 2 bagger by Lehye scored Seipel, then Johnson brought Lehye in with a double. Clark reached first on an error and Doc Ford cleared the bases when he lifted the horsehide over the center-fielder's head. Thomas got his first 2 base hit of the evening but died on second as Garry and Marble whiffed to end the winners half of the first stanza.

Marble pitched masterfully and was given almost errorless support until the Kenney half of the seventh. Two runs were tallied by the Druggists in the sixth on 3 hits, and in the seventh the whole team took a crack at Marble, scoring eight runs on six hits, three walks and a couple of freak bounces. That ended the scoring, however, and the ball game.

Nale was relieved in the fourth by Nichol for Kenney's while Marble went the route for the Cubs.

At the plate Scipel, Lehye, Johnson, Clark, Ford and Thomas for the winners were deadly. Hayes G. Smith and Fowler did well for the losers.

The score by innings:
Kenney Drug ... 0 0 0 0 2 8—10
Joshua Cubs ... 5 0 0 6 2 0 X—13
Winning pitcher, Marble.
Losing pitcher, Nale.

Belows Expand Cafe

Construction of an attractive desert flagstone terrace is under way at Dewey Below's. When completed it will be equipped with tables and gay umbrellas to provide a pleasant outdoor spot for those seeking refreshments. According to Dewey it will enable him to serve about two dozen more than his present facilities permit.

The flagstone was quarried near Amboy by Berry and Manzer who are also handling the construction of the addition.

Hotel Cornerstone Laid Friday

Before a large gathering of interested citizens on Memorial Day Chester Bunker laid the cornerstone at Wilberg's Le-Orra Hotel on the Palms Hiway. Mr. Bunker spoke briefly on the travels of the Wilbergs in search of a pleasant location, welcomed them to Joshua Tree and wished success for the new venture.

Frank Wilberg then related the circumstances which led to his decision to build here. He said, "In addition to good materials we must infuse into our building faith, hope and love."

Bunker then performed with the trowel and mortar. A bottle containing a copy of the Joshua Journal, a coin and other items were sealed in the cornerstone. Cooling refreshments were served to the spectators by the Wilbergs.

Local Man Severely Burned

On Monday, May 25, Claude Irwin, local softball manager, suffered third degree burns on his right arm and side. Irwin was cutting pipe for his rock crusher north of town and came in contact with the pipe which had been heated by the torch he was using. He was treated in 29 Palms by Dr. Smith and is now recovering rapidly.

Lions to Meet In Joshua Tree

The Tri-Valley Lions will roar at The Desert Steak House on Thursday evening in Joshua Tree. Dinner will be served promptly at 7:30 P.M. Projects introduced at the special meeting in Morongo will be discussed.

PERFECT WEATHER ENCOURAGES BUILDERS

The almost perfect atmospheric conditions that have prevailed since the first of the year are a boon to the many contractors and owner builders of homes here in Joshua Tree and thruout this desert area. Too, the absence of high winds permits more working days every month. In many sections of the country adverse weather is responsible for costly delays.

Coupled with favorable climatic factors is the inevitable increase in supply of building materials. It is true that certain items of metal manufacture are still scarce but even they are slowly becoming more readily obtainable. The reluctance of builders to pay black market prices will help to bring prices of all necessary materials down to a reasonable level.

Poultryman Sees Bright Future

J. W. (Mac) McAndrew, general manager of McAndrew's Hatchery and Poultry Supply Co., of San Bernardino envisioned a bright future for turkey raisers in this vicinity after a day's business conference with Bob Kroes, Sun Valley turkey grower, last Tuesday. McAndrews told Kroes that he considered this part of the desert an ideal place for anyone interested in raising poultry. Other business must logically follow in order to supply an ever increasing number of growers with the materials needed, according to the hatchery manager.

Legion Auxiliary Meets With Mrs. Maude A. Fox

President Maude A. Fox entertained the members at the regular meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary on Thursday, May 22. It was voted to send a pair of Nylons as a gift to the District President Elsie Larkin. Mrs. Thelma Wiser, chairman of the Poppy committee, was authorized to treat the girls who sold the entire quota of 300 poppies for the benefit of disabled veterans. The members will assist the Legion in its Memorial Day ceremony at the Legion Hall.

President Fox urges all members to attend the next meeting on June 12 at the Legion Hall. At that time officers will be nominated for the coming year. The election will be held at the July meeting at which only paid-up members are eligible to vote.

Burches Buy Ojala Home

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Ojala recently sold their home property on Grand View, the Spa, to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Burch of Monrovia. The Ojals will remain until the deal closes escrow after which they plan to spend the summer in Wyoming. The Ira Hovers have leased the Spa for a year as the Burches do not contemplate moving here before that time.

The building code has resulted in an increase in property values that is reflected in the increasing number of new prospects and buyers for desert homes.

Perfect climate, favorable altitude and better building practice form a combination that is hard to beat in the development of any new area. That is why Joshua Tree and vicinity presently enjoys a healthy, steady growth.

Victory Dinner Honors Joshua Cubs

On Tuesday evening, May 27, the local home run kings were served a delicious fried chicken dinner at the American Legion hall. Mrs. Thelma Wiser had promised this feast to the Aldridge-Below ball club as a reward for winning its first game in league competition. The score of players who attended polished off the delectable viands in a manner that spoke well for Mrs. Wiser's cooking.

After the dinner the wives and girl friends of team members came to the hall for dancing. The high wind made it necessary to remain indoors instead of dancing in the Roger Clark patio which is a regular Tuesday evening event. French fried potatoes and beer were served thruout the evening.

Larry Gray To Manage Sun Valley Tract

The former genial traveling representative of the Townsite Co., Larry Gray, last Monday was announced by Chester Bunker as tract manager of Sun Valley Acres. Mr. Gray will be on duty daily from 9 A.M. to 6 P.M.

"It certainly is good," said Larry, "to be back on the desert. I guess the cities are O.K., but give me a place where I can greet my old friends. Sun Valley is bound to forge ahead and become a great center for the turkey and chicken business."

Morongo Valley Barbecue Attracts Huge Throng Memorial Day

Close to fifteen hundred merry-makers enjoyed heaping platefuls of barbecued beef and goat with all the fixin's at the celebration staged by the Chamber of Commerce at Morongo Valley on Memorial Day.

The crowds were served by the women of the Morongo Social Club on the terrace at the entrance to Angel's Cafe. A bazaar was conducted by the Women's Club and the proceeds will be used to aid in the building of a new club house. Beer, soft drinks and ice cream were sold and many games of

chance were available for the entertainment of the optimistic. A prophetess was in attendance at the fortune teller's booth and added considerably to the financial success of the venture. Mrs. E. E. Grimes was the winner of a beautiful bed spread donated by Mrs. Ivy Stead.

In the evening a dance was held that was well patronized by the crowd which seemed reluctant to leave. All business houses of Morongo were closed thruout the celebration.

The Personal Touch

A note from Harold E. Wilson former Joshua Tree garageman, brings the news that he and his wife, Dolores, are now living in Memphis, Tenn. Harold has a good business there but says that he and Mrs. Wilson like to get news from Joshua Tree and hope some day to return.

Week-end guests of W. O. Gup-ton's son at the Coulter Guest House were Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Pekaravitch and daughters Flossie, Ethel and Joanie; Mr. and Mrs. Louis J. Bagley and son Kenneth; Bob and Florence Marcinko; and Paul List.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank N. Fox left Thursday for a week's stay at the fruit farm of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ash in Yucaipa. Mrs. Fox was formerly associated with the first newspaper published in Yucaipa Valley.

Arriving from Los Angeles Tuesday, May 27, with Steve Moninger were Mollie Malone, of radio fame; her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Roberts of Wisconsin; Mrs. Mable Bedell; Mrs. Helen Dinsmore, formerly of Paris, France; Mrs. Joseph N. Hodges; Mrs. Rose Sullivan and Mrs. J. Trenor. They spent the night at Valley View Apartments after a day of viewing our town and the desert. An evening get-together at the club-house was entertained by piano selections from the nimble fingers of Mrs. Bedell and readings by Mollie Malone.

Mrs. Dinsmore is enamoured of Joshua Tree and hopes to make her home here in the near future.

Mrs. Elizabeth Buckley and her guest, Mrs. Robert Bowling, spent several days last week at the former's attractive home, Casa Verde, on Sunburst Circle. Mrs. Buckley plans to leave soon for a vacation trip to Wisconsin by way of the Black Hills of South Dakota.

Belated word has been received of the marriage of Walter Marley and Miss Dorothy Whitney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hensele of El Monte on Sunday, May 18. Mr. Marley is the son of Mrs. Sophia Marley of Joshua Tree.

Mr. and Mrs. V. J. Monteleone of Whittier, Calif., are spending a few weeks vacation at their desert home in Joshua Tree. They entertained as their guests this week, Mrs. E. W. Bierman of Whittier, Calif., and Corporal Edward W. Bierman, TSU-TC of Camp Stoneman, Calif., who is home on furlough. Mr. and Mrs. Bierman were very much impressed with the growth of Joshua Tree since their last visit in July of 1946.

Miss Rose Isaacs of Los Angeles and Miss Eva Gardner of Whittier are also guests of Mr. and Mrs. Monteleone.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kasal entertained the Monteleones Monday evening for dinner.

Mrs. Eunice King and daughter, Corinne, are in Los Angeles for a few days visit with Mrs. King's son, Jack.

Mrs. May Morrison, mother of Mrs. Gray Krumcke, has returned to her home in Upland after an extended visit with her daughter and son-in-law. The Krumckes spent the week end in Upland and were accompanied on their return to Joshua Tree by their daughter and

granddaughter, Mrs. Rita Cavanaugh and baby Carolyn of Camp Baldy, for a week's visit.

John and Myra Coulter, who have been living in one of Overbays cottages since their recent marriage, moved to Joshua Tree last week. They are now busy redecorating their new abode on El Reposo near Easterly Drive.

Mrs. H. Lafferty and sons James and Charles left Sunday for an extended trip through Nevada, Utah, Wyoming, Colorado and Oklahoma enroute to Abilene, Texas. They will spend several weeks visiting Mrs. Lafferty's mother, Mrs. John Christian. Mrs. Iverson will accompany them as far as Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Mr. and Mrs. George Beard were away Thursday and Friday of last week. They attended the funeral of Mrs. Beard's uncle at Brawley.

Weekending at Mira Monte Courts were Rae Morrison of the Los Angeles Motor Club and Mrs. Elizabeth Marshall of Hollywood.

Arriving from the city with Steve Moninger were Miss Alice Watson, Mrs. Gabrielle Peterson and Miss Lucille Ellis who were at the Desertaire Lodge. Mrs. Peterson invested in property here.

Other guests at the Desertaire Lodge included Alida Cruze, script analyst formerly with Warner Brothers, who will be here for ten days; from Los Angeles the Misses Bertha and Greta Ammon and mother, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ord, Mr. and Mrs. Sando, Mrs. Betty Smith, and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Jurling, owner of the Yucca Valley water company. From San Marino were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur G. Baker.

At Hidden Valley Ranch Miss Elsa Stone entertained a party of six friends.

The Club House entertained old friends in Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Haynes, our fellow turkey enthusiasts, and Christy Nelson, Los Angeles attorney and large property holder in Joshua Tree.

Les Peterman was in town looking after his interests in Sun Valley Acres and exploring more desert in his jeep.

Saturday evening a group of friends was entertained at the Meredith Willey's on El Reposo. Joe and Frances Arch, Norma Bunker, the G. O. McMillens and Bob Garry spent the evening looking at hole cards with varying degrees of success. A welcome feature of the session was a bushel, more or less, of pop-corn prepared by the host.

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Journal Visitors

The Memorial Day holiday week end saw a large influx of visitors to Joshua Tree many of whom stopped at the Journal office for one reason or another.

Dorothy Y. Steele, a former resident and real estate agent, stopped on business and for a short visit. Visiting Mrs. Steele at her cabin west of town was Mrs. Lillian Patton.

C. D. Sprigg of Chula Vista came to renew his subscription to the Journal.

We looked over plans for a new home to be started in Sun Valley Acres shortly by the P. A. Duttons. They spend their week end visits clearing the ground on their acreage.

George W. Mull spent a few minutes talking about rocks and lapidary enthusiasms. He, Mrs. Mull and her sister, Mrs. Bernice Lytle, of Playa del Rey, spent the holidays in one of Frank Cook's units.

A couple of ex-GI's and your editor fought the war again for a while on Saturday afternoon. The visitors were Ed Lawson and Philip Murphy of Los Angeles.

W. O. Scruggs of Southgate, a former printer and now engaged in the plumbing business, was inquiring about locations and prospects here.

John F. Schwarzer and his charming wife stopped only briefly but long enough to subscribe to our Journal. He conducts a real estate and insurance business in Los Angeles and with Mrs. Schwarzer is spending the holidays at the Margaret Bair residence.

Selma Pearson of the Los Angeles office was out to look us over. She and Mary Burson took in the holiday festivities here and there.

BILL BUNKER TO SPEND SUMMER AT SEA

William G. Bunker, of the Townsite Company, accompanied by Virgil Heffner, left last Monday for Houston, Texas, where he will ship as mate on a steamship. Bill has held a card as mate for some time since his separation from the service. He served in the Navy during the late unpleasantness and saw action in several theatres of opera-

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Anglers Have Rough Time

This, dear reader, is a tale of woe. If the struggles of the hardy pioneers and trail-blazers cause you to blanch and shudder then turn to lighter reading for here is the story of a gallant fight against overwhelming odds by two men who tried—but failed.

A week ago Thursday that fervid gleam that lights the eye of the ardent angler was evident to anyone who saw Jack Crane and his son Bob take off for the wilds of Lake Havasu. But car trouble caused a frown to chase away the anticipatory smiles. Struggling on to Needles our heroes found that the car had internal complications which called for an emergency operation.

Still determined, they went fishing, while the automotive experts replaced the jalopy's innards. Eight beauties were lured to their doom and proudly carried to the motel abode of the Cranes. But, alas, no refrigeration could be found and the finny trophies had to be given away.

That night the mosquitoes caused Jack to kick off the covers and lumbago sneaked up on the hapless victim. After medical attention Jack, Bob and the car came limping back to Joshua Tree on Sunday.

The bright spot in this narrative, according to the Cranes, is that the natives of Needles were downright neighborly and cared for our wanderers in a way that gladdened their hearts. But they are still wondering what those fish would have tasted like.

His wife, Norma, will remain in Joshua Tree at present.

Master Masons Form Desert Masonic Club

Twenty nine Master Masons from Joshua Tree, Yucca Valley, Morongo and 29 Palms met Friday evening, May 23, at the Watkins Realty Building in 29 Palms and formed the Desert Masonic Club. They plan to meet the last Friday of each month excepting July and August. All Master Masons in the area are welcome.

The following officers were elected to serve for the balance of 1947: M. G. Watty Watkins, President; Herbert J. Rich, Vice-President; Dave Gould, Secretary; William Cazneau, Treasurer; and Walter C. Cory, Tyier.



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Morongo Valley Notes

On May 25 an unexpected surprise was the feature of the birthday party given in honor of Ray Borg at Alma's Guest Inn, formerly Silk's Guest Inn. At the buffet dinner when a beautiful birthday cake was served with ice cream, each serving of the latter contained a tiny capsule in which was a slip bearing the message "Announcing Marriage of Ray and Alma on April 13, 1947."

Harry Hess arranged a delightfully different charivari after the party.

Among the guests were the following: Al and Clara Livingstone, Frank Sabbath, Mr. and Mrs. Don Zilliox, Charles Phillippi, Mr. and Mrs. John Lanning, Mr. and Mrs. Monte Law, Mrs. Dave Heaton, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ulrich, Don Donald, Mrs. Antone Terp, Martin Angel, R. B. Hamilton, Mrs. K. Weston, Kenneth Fobes, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Hess.

Weekend guests at Alma's Guest Inn were Mr. and Mrs. George O. Koch and sons Allen and Terry of Long Beach, the William Shefflers, Capt. and Mrs. Frank Durnell and the W. P. Thomasons, all of Long Beach.

Arriving Monday, June 3rd, for an extended visit at Alma's Guest Inn were Mr. and Mrs. George Selby and Mr. and Mrs. James Selby and children of Glendale. Mrs. George Selby is the daughter of Mrs. Borg.

The Robert Ulrichs went by streamliner to Illinois for a month's visit with relatives. They plan to return by way of Yellowstone Park in a new Pontiac.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Peterson and family of Pomona are entertaining friends here. Their son Bud, a disabled veteran of World War II, is driving a new car equipped for hand operation that was given him by the Government.

Miss Marie Gummerson, niece of Mrs. H. M. Hess, and Miss Nicke Milliner of San Francisco are guests of the Hesses. Marie, recently from Australia, is now employed as secretary at the Presidio.

Mrs. Helen Hoffman and daughter of Los Angeles are weekending here.

Mrs. Ethel Roehn entertained her sister Mrs. Mabel Katz and Mr. Katz and their daughter Ethel Jane, of Burbank.

Mrs. Cyril Millington returned Sunday from Illinois where she has been visiting her son and his wife, the Don Martins. The Martins are proud parents of a new baby.

Word has been received from the Postmaster General that a Post office will be established at Morongo Valley on July 1. The postmaster will be Mrs. Valentine McCracken.

Mr. Charles Phillippi was taken seriously ill Wednesday night with a severe nose bleed. After medical attention he failed to improve and was taken to the Palm Springs hospital. When he is able to travel relatives will take him to his home in Los Angeles.

State and County News

GOVERNOR SIGNS SCHOOL BILL

Sacramento, June 3, (WNS) — Governor Warren today signed Assembly bill 2120, the measure which provides for a complete revision of the school apportionment law to comply with the constitutional amendment voted by the people at the November, 1946, election.

The bill was passed unanimously by the senate, and by a vote of 75 to 2 in the assembly. It represents a compromise between several legislators, who also had presented bills to carry the constitutional amendment into effect.

As the bill was signed, the state department of education was working to issue new apportionment figures to all school districts in the state, which will enable the districts to secure the additional money available under the bill for the next school year.

The department said today it has made no calculation as yet of the amounts the school districts will receive, but is working on the calculation, which must be estimated on the basis of average daily attendance.

PROPOSE STATE MAKE UP TAX LOSS

Sacramento, June 3, (WNS) — San Bernardino County tax losses resulting from ad valorem tax exemptions extended to churches, colleges, hospitals, and veterans under the provisions of existing state law, amounted to \$310,519 during the fiscal year, according to Senator Ben Hulse of El Centro, who is sponsoring a measure designed to reimburse counties for such revenue losses.

This loss to the county, Hulse stated, represents a per capita loss to local government of \$1.20, based on the aggregate tax rates in the county of \$5.33.

He said the assessed valuation of churches, colleges, and hospitals exempted amounted to \$1,811,720, while veterans' property exempted had a total assessed value of \$4,014,160.

Under the terms of the Hulse

proposal, senate constitutional amendment 14, which has passed the senate and is awaiting action in the assembly constitutional committee, the state would reimburse counties from the state's general fund for tax losses resulting from the exemptions.

If the assembly approves, the measure will be submitted to the voters at the next general election.

ARGUE OVER MILK CONTROL

Sacramento, June 3, (WNS) — Under an amendment written into the state Department of Agriculture's Milk Control bill by the assembly today, municipalities and counties would retain the right to have local ordinances requiring pasteurization of milk in the area in which it is sold.

The bill, S. B. 344 by Senator George Hatfield of Merced, as passed by the senate, would have removed the right. The amendment, submitted by Assemblyman R. H. McCollister of Marin County, was adopted after a lengthy argument, and after its adoption, notice of reconsideration was given.

Sportsman's Club To Incorporate

Sacramento, June 3 (WNS) — The Sportsman's Club of Joshua Tree, a non-profit organization, had filed articles of incorporation today with Secretary of State Frank M. Jordan.

Directors listed are William Gregg Bunker, Claud Richard Irwin, William John Forster, Eugene Elmo Ford, George Roger Clark, Frank Hartwick Leyhe, Venice Leroy Hoover, Dewey William Man-

zer, Meredith R. Willey, Dewey Elmer Below and John William Coulter, all of Joshua Tree, as directors.

The articles state that the club is formed for the purpose of developing "facilities for recreation and games, and to develop athletics in Joshua Tree; to establish and maintain a playground and ball diamond with facilities for night baseball; to establish and maintain a rifle range; swimming pool, basketball courts, and tennis and badminton and to promote athletic contests.

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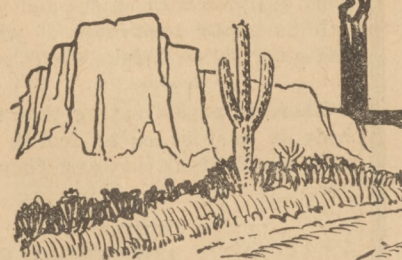
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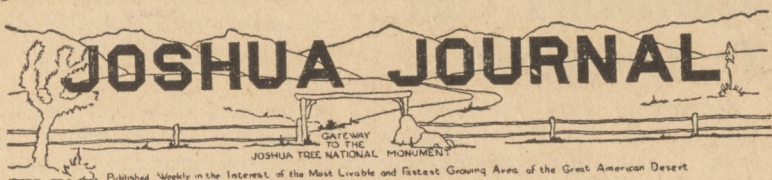
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GREETINGS

After Mr. Gear's gracious introduction in this column last week we feel obligated to more than ordinary effort in the attempt to justify his opinion. Our aim will be to continue the excellent work of our predecessor and to keep pace with the rapid growth of the community.

We intend to give you a complete account of the events of interest that occur in Joshua Tree and the Great Morongo area. With your help this newspaper will record the comings and goings of you and your neighbors. All of us, working together for the good of our community, can be a great force for the continued progress and prosperity of Joshua Tree and vicinity.

The advertising columns and business management will continue in the capable hands of Mary Burson. We welcome literary contributions on desert subjects and will use all that the limitations of space permit. New departments will be added from time to time.

It is our hope that you will enjoy reading the Joshua Journal and continue to give us your support and constructive criticisms.

TRUE SPORTSMEN

Webster's dictionary defines a sportsman as "one who is fair and generous in sports." It has become a general practice to apply the term "sportsman" to anyone who shoots square in the game of business or everyday living.

Recently formed in Joshua Tree is an organization which has done much to build good will and bring recreational facilities to be enjoyed by the whole community. We refer to the Sportsman's Club. The membership is composed of young men and men young in spirit who have undertaken big projects and, in spite of unwarranted and vicious criticism, have carried out these projects to a successful conclusion.

The Sportsman's Club has as its aim the encouragement of baseball, basketball and other forms of recreation that ordinarily would not be in the scope of activity of any of the existing civic bodies. To raise funds for furthering these projects the Club bought and raffled a Jeep at the Turtle Races; they operated a concession at the same event; collections are taken at the softball games, and many other activities are planned. With the money thus obtained the Sportsmen have started to equip the ball diamond with flood lights for night games.

In the matter of active participation in sports the members have responded willingly for basketball and softball. Despite discouraging beginnings and little opportunity for practice the men on the teams continued to turn out for all games without once disappointing the spectators. Now they have a softball team that is a credit to them and to Joshua Tree. Our neighbors to the east have often commented on the good sportsmanship of the teams from our community.

It is a pleasure, and could well be a civic duty, to encourage and support an organization that has done so much in so short a time. May we continue to give them our moral and financial assistance. Good luck and good wishes, Sportsman's Club.

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THE JOSHUAS

For hours, dark rain-clouds have drifted up over the mountains and shifted from place to place, yet they bring no moisture to this Valley. The desert-shrubs have long needed rain, and those that should be blooming are dull and listless-looking. Perhaps I forget from time to time, but during the sixteen years that I have lived on this hillside I do not remember our surroundings being so devoid of flowering shrubs.

Down below, a sand-devil swirls across the old lake-bed as if defying the threatening storm. A low, distant rumble of thunder only adds mockery to our hope, while a streak of jagged lightning beyond the mountain taunts us with its remoteness.

One of my CREEDS in DESERT Magazine several years ago was: "Each smoke tree and willow, cactus and shrub, is holding his cup out today; for the thunder-gods ride on billowy clouds and drinks will be given away." But today the rain-gods, it seems, are bypassing our Valley!

Phil Ossifer Says

Costly flowers placed upon a casket bring no fragrance to the dead.

Don't be a hard loser. If you play the game of life with others, be a good sport and take your losses with your winnings, and don't grumble.

In the Bible there is a saying which reads: Better is the end of things than the beginning thereof. Remember that in the future.

Don't growl at your wife or husband. It shows that you are still an adolescent if you cannot play the game fifty-fifty. Only neurotics and grown ups who were spoiled in their childhood put on "acts" and go into tantrums over trifling affairs.

A man is what he is in the sight of God and nothing else.

They say that if you think a thing is so, it is so. Try that some time by imagining you are a millionaire — or the president of the United States, and see where you'll wind up. Your attendant will humor you along.

Practise the Golden Rule in all your dealings with others and you will be happy regardless of what the other fellow thinks about you.

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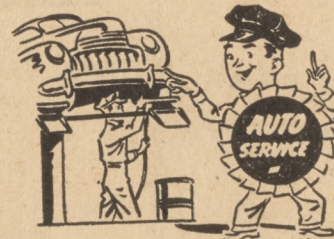
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By ANTOINETTE KIRCH

The text for Dr. Williams' sermon on Sunday at the Joshua Tree Chapel was taken from the 13th Chapter of Isaiah, the 10th Verse.

Interest High in Movie Premiere

The citizens of Joshua Tree are eagerly awaiting the world premiere of the religious motion picture, "Abraham and Isaac," as announced in last week's issue. The showing is free to the public. All donations received will be turned over to the Chapel Building Fund. A Community Church will be an asset to the town.

The picture will be shown at 7:30 P.M. on Saturday, June 7. In addition to the feature and travelog Mrs. Kirch will sing E. T. Remick's "Rock of Ages."

SPORT SHORTS

Could it be that those eye-catching blue and gold uniforms are responsible for the string of victories the Cubs have been chalking up?

And speaking of uniforms, the J. T. C of C basketball scanties are all cleaned and packed away in mothballs for the summertime. That is, they will be packed away if the Prexy ever gets around to it.

Horses, horses, crazy over horses might well be the theme song of some of our visitors and localites. Von Worthen's hay burners get a good work out in the trails around the town, especially on weekends, to say nothing of the riders, and I'm not punning.

Rumors are flying that horse-shoes will soon be doing likewise. That old Midwestern pastime keeps us middle-agers on the ball. Yipee!

Don't let O. D. Thomas entice you into a three handed bridge game. He never lets anybody get the dummy—if he can bluff 'em out of it.

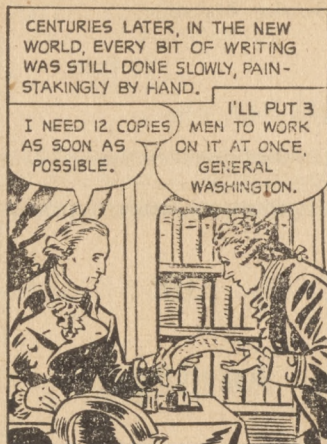
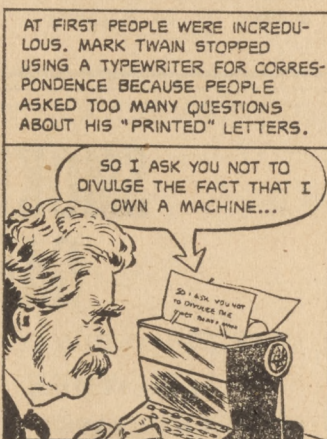
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Flying News From 'K' Field

R. G. Thomas guided the twin engine Cessna on a quick flight to Yuma, Arizona, Saturday afternoon. The flight left the ground at 3:00 P.M., landed at Yuma, conducted the business and was back at "K" at 6:30 P.M.. A flight to El Mirage by R. G. Thomas, Mac MacDowell and Mr. and Mrs. Loy Clingan from Wickenburg, Ariz., disclosed that the glider meet is in progress and Ray Parker from "K" and Myron Wells are battling for first place.

Dwight Pierce made a soaring flight of 2 hrs. duration and reached an altitude of 9800 ft. Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Imogene Lary as a passenger. It was the first soaring flight for Mrs. Lary and she liked it very much.

Mrs. Chas. Adams, who has a cabin at the Yucca Mesa Estates, purchased a new Ercoupe last week and spent the holidays in the desert and enjoyed several flights in his new ship.

Johnny Mason dropped in from San Diego enroute to Nebraska where he will be for a while. Johnny took his Cinema sailplane with him.

The Piper Cub had her annual face liting done last week at the Calimesa Air repair depot. All planes must undergo inspections at regular intervals by licensed mechanics and one annual inspection by government inspectors to

insure that all airplanes are air worthy.

"K" Field has been a regular stop for students from the Redlands - Mentone Airport. Their cross country flights include a stop at "K" and Brawley Airports. Paul Davis, a former flight commander at the 29 Palms Air Academy, is chief instructor at the Redlands-Mentone airport.

Ken Henryson, former instructor at 29 Palms, now the Van Nuys district manager for the Los Angeles Herald Express, was a visitor at "K" and 29 Palms last week.

Charles Duffy from Los Angeles spent the weekend at "K" renewing old friends in this area.

Sportsman's Club To Hold Dances

In preparation for a series of dances to be held beginning on Saturday night June 7 about sixteen Sportsmen and Legionnaires spent several hours Sunday pouring and trowelling a concrete slab for the patio at Legion Hall. This feature was included in the original plans for the building. The floor is sixteen by thirty one feet and will accomodate a good sized group of dancers.

The Sportsman's Club plans to hold a dance every Saturday night if the attendance warrants it. Good music and refreshment will be the order of the evening.

Cubs in Close Win

An exhibition game at Gilpin Field, 29 Palms, Sunday afternoon resulted in an 8 to 4 victory for the Joshua Cubs over a scrambled squad, including members of the All Stars, from the neighboring town.

Marble limited the opposition to three hits including a homer by Deardorf, the first man in the game to face him, while striking out six. Curtis of the 29ers whiffed four but gave up nine safe blows to the hard hitting Cubs.

Batteries were: Joshua Cubs — Marble and Ford; 29 Palms — Curtis and Shuster. The score by innings follows:
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The Woman's Auxiliary of the American Legion meets second Thursday in each month. Place to be announced by publicity representative.

American Legion meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at the New American Legion Hall.

Woman's Club meets 3rd Friday of each month at 2 o'clock at the Club House.

Community Youth Fellowship meets at 6:30 p.m. every Sunday evening at the Community Building.

Joshua PTA meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at Community Hall.

The Tri-Valley Lions Club meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday evenings of each month. Watch the Joshua Journal for announcement of the place.

Board of Directors of the Tri-Valley Lions Club meets last Thursday of each month at the O. D. Thomas Office in Yucca Valley. All members are welcome.

The Sportsman's Club meets at the American Legion Hall the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month.

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Luxembourg City.

Our division headquarters had been left virtually without a division when Rommels' Panzerwagons made their last desperate attempt to split the American forces. For two agonizing nights we had manned road blocks and made brave feints to keep the Nazis from learning that for a dozen miles their route to the capital city of the small duchy was wide open. And then came welcome relief. Patton's armor and thousands of slogging "doughfeet" poured up from France to the south to take over the job of slapping back the audacious Germans. When the

morning light revealed the same dreary fog that tied our air forces to the ground we felt new courage because an order had come from the higher ups directing us to move out through Belgium and into France to lick our scars and pull ourselves together.

That night, zero cold and snowy, we traveled as only an Army can travel. Five kilometers — stop, then three more and wait again. Only the dim blue black-out lights and the ungodly squeak and clamor of the tank treads reminded us that others were on the road.

And all the while those red hot tracer bullets kept searching for

the insolent Messerschmidts and Focke-Wulff's while air raid sirens moaned their alarm to the weary ears of peasants and soldiers too

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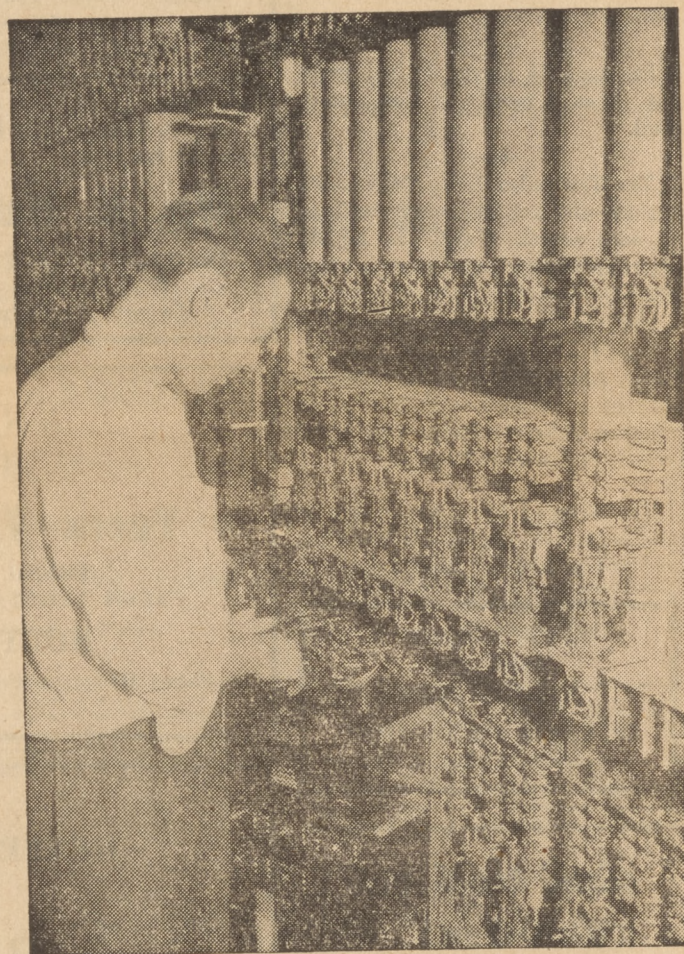
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